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SUBJECT: SOVIETS FLY IN AID TO LIBERATION GROUPS

1. TANZANIA GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS OF AUGUST 3 RAN ARTICLE REPORTING ARRIVAL IN DAR ES SALAAM AUG 1 OF SOVIET PLANE CONTAINING FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF \$6 MILLION WORTH OF SUPPLIES FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. FIRST BATCH, WHICH CONSISTED OF MEDICINES, WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THREE-MAN SOVIET DELEGATION WHICH MET WITH AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE (ALC) EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HASHIM MBITA. REMAINDER OF SUPPLIES, INCLUDING FOODSTUFFS, AMBULANCES, AND TRUCKS WILL BE DELIVERED LATER.

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2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOVIETS HAVE BEEN FREQUENT SUPPLIERS OF

AID TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS, THIS IS FIRST
OCCASION IN OUR MEMORY WHEN THEY HAVE AIR FREIGHTED SUPPLIES
TO DAR ES SALAAM. IN VIEW OF HARSH CRITICISM OF SOVIETS CON-
CERNING QUICK RECOGNITION OF PORTUGAL THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM
TAN. GOV., FRELIMO, AND ALC, WE SUSPECT THIS IS PR EFFORT TO
REEMPHASIZE USSR COMMITMENT TO LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.
TANZANIAN FON. MIN. OFFICIAL, WHEN PRESENTED WITH THIS
PHPHTHESIS BY EMB. OFF., SMILED AND MADE NO COMMENT.
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